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For: MASK HANDLING METHOD, AND MASK AND DEVICE OR APPARATUS  
COMPRISING A GRIPPER THEREFOR, DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD AND  
DEVICE MANUFACTURED THEREBY

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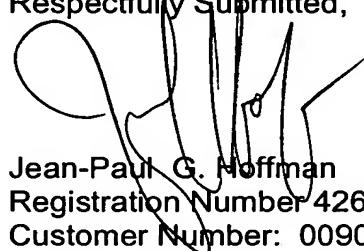
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An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.

Also, an English language version of the Korean office action that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is attached, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation.

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